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by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-4-102, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b)(1) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) There is established as a part of the judicial branch of the state a judicial selection commission to be composed of fifteen (17) members as follows:

(1) Two (2) members from different grand divisions of the state from lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee bar association. One (1) member from a list of nominees submitted by the Tennessee defense lawyers association. The nominees submitted by the Tennessee bar association shall not include attorneys whose principal practice area is either plaintiff's personal injury work or criminal defense.

(2) Three (3) members with one (1) member from each of the state's grand divisions from lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee trial lawyers association;

(3) Three (3) members with one (1) member from each of the state's grand divisions from lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee district attorneys general conference;

(4) Three (3) members with one (1) member from each of the state's grand divisions from lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee association of criminal defense lawyers;

(5) Three (3) members who shall not be lawyers; and

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(6) Two (2) members who shall be lawyers but who shall not be nominated by a group.

(b) (1) The speaker of the senate shall appoint three (3) members from the list of nominees submitted by the Tennessee trial lawyers association, three (3) members from the lists of nominees submitted by the district attorneys general conference, one (1) of the nonlawyer members and one (1) of the lawyer members not nominated by a group. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) members from the lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee bar association and one (1) member from the list of nominees submitted by the Tennessee defense lawyers association, three (3) members from the lists of nominees submitted by the Tennessee association of criminal defense lawyers, one (1) of the nonlawyer members and one (1) of the lawyer members not nominated by a group. Jointly the speakers shall appoint the third nonlawyer member.

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-4-102, is further amended by adding the following new subsection (e)(3):

(3) The initial term of the lawyer members not nominated by a group shall be for four (4) years.